

# WEEK 6: CAN A CHRISTIAN LOSE THEIR SALVATION?

## GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

### PREPARE

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### MAIN POINT

Many Christians live with fear or worry, troubled that they have done something to lose God's forgiveness. And if so, do they need to become Christian again? Is eternal life secure? The answer to the common question rests in Jesus' role and the Holy Spirit's role in our salvation.

### LEAN IN BREAK THE ICE

**Can you share a time you lost something important to you and then found it? What was that like?**

### LOOK DOWN LOOK AT GOD'S WORD

Read John 10:27-29

27 My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me.  
28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Read Ephesians 1:13-14

13 In him you also were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed. 14 The Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession, to the praise of his glory.

**In John 10:27-29, Jesus calls his followers his “sheep.” What do we learn about these sheep in this passage?**

**If, as Paul says in Ephesians 1, the Holy Spirit is given as a “down payment of our inheritance,” does that mean we can somehow lose that down payment that God has paid?**

LOOK OUT  
IDENTIFY THE  
RELEVANCE IF GOD'S  
WORD IN THE WORLD

**When are you most tempted to believe that you can lose your status as God's son or daughter?**

**What makes it so hard to believe that no slip-ups or sins can take God's love away from us?**

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LOOK IN  
APPLY GOD'S WORD  
TO YOUR LIFE

**What do Jesus' words about sheep in John 10 mean for those of us who trust him as our Savior and Lord?**

**Eric said toward the end of his sermon, "Can a Christian lose his or her salvation? No. God's grip is stronger than your slip." Can someone share how that makes you feel? At peace? Overjoyed? Relieved?**